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Honorable Robert Blumenfield Assembly Member, 40th District State Capitol P.O. Box 942849 Sacramento, CA 94249-0040

Dear Assembly Member Blumenfield:

## **ASSEMBLY BILL 1029 – SUPPORT**

I am writing to express my support of AB 1029, reinstating the State Senior and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Program.

For more than 30 years, this program has helped thousands of California homeowners remain in their homes by postponing the property taxes on their residence. In these difficult economic times, the need for programs like this is critical. Without assistance, the low income elderly, blind, and disabled homeowners are vulnerable to foreclosure, eviction and potential victimization by scam artists.

As Assessor, I rarely take positions on legislation that is not directly related to the administration of property taxes. AB 1029 is an exception. It is the right program, at the right time and, most importantly, for the right reasons.

If you have any questions, please call me at (213) 974-3101 or your staff may contact Barry Bosscher, my Legislative Analyst, at the same number.

Sincerely,

RICK AUERBACH

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